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California Resources Secretary Announces New Approach to Fighting Coastal Erosion

SACRAMENTO – Today California Resources Secretary Mary D. Nichols released a draft policy for improving how the state government plans and responds to coastal erosion along California's 1,100-mile coastline. The draft policy statement constitutes an unprecedented approach to the problem of coastal erosion by coordinating the activities of different government agencies that have historically not worked in unison on this pressing problem.

The announcement was made at a breakfast meeting co-chaired by State Senator Dede Alpert and Assemblymember Hanna-Beth Jackson regarding beaches, wetlands, and watersheds. The draft policy was developed in cooperation with experts from state resources management agencies and will be the subject of five public workshops along the coast and one at the State Capitol over the next two months.

"Governor Davis is committed to finding a comprehensive strategy to deal with the loss of California's beaches," said Secretary Nichols. "This new policy builds on \$100 million in the current budget for his Clean Beach Initiative to protect beaches, reduce polluted runoff, and cut beach closings."

Just last month Governor Gray Davis awarded \$10 million in grant funds to support projects addressing coastal erosion issues. The reason for this focus by the Davis administration is clear: approximately 85 percent of the coast is actively eroding, natural sand supply to beaches has decreased, storm activity has caused substantial coastal damage, and the majority of California's population lives within 30 miles of the coast.

The document entitled "Draft Policy on Coastal Erosion Planning and Response and Background Material," is the first statewide policy statement on shoreline erosion released by the Resources Agency in over 23 years. Nichols noted that the new draft policy provides for the maintenance of critical infrastructure and the protection of natural resources, while also considering the dynamic and sometimes unpredictable nature of the state's coastal bluffs, beaches and sand resources.

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Aimed at long-term approaches to re-establishing natural sand supply to beaches from our rivers, streams and creeks, the draft policy focuses on responding to erosion at the coastline with actions that will cause the least environmental damage, while protecting existing coastal infrastructure.

The draft policy outlines a tiered approach that proposes the following broad policy goals:

- Increasing sand supply to the coast.
- Avoiding the construction of new structures in hazardous areas.
- If structures are threatened, considering the feasibility of re-locating them.
- Using beach nourishment (placing sand on or near eroding beaches) as the first priority for stabilizing beaches, if feasible.
- Using hard protective structures (seawalls, revetments, breakwaters, etc) only if other less environmentally damaging alternatives are deemed infeasible.

The policy document was prepared by the Resources Agency in coordination with a group of state agencies with various coastal resource management responsibilities: the departments of Boating and Waterways, Conservation, Fish and Game, Parks and Recreation; California Coastal Commission; San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission; State Coastal Conservancy; State Lands Commission; and State Mining and Geology Board.

The draft policy is tied to other Resources Agency initiatives such as the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project that includes projects to enhance sand supply to coastal beaches.

Public meeting information and the policy document can be found online at <http://ceres.ca.gov/cra/ocean>. Print copies of the draft policy are available at local libraries throughout California (see attached list). For a hard copy contact Clifton Moberg at the Resources Agency (916.653.5656 or Clifton@resources.ca.gov).

Public meetings will be held in six locations to solicit public comment for integration into a final revised policy (dates, times and locations are attached). Public comments may be submitted electronically (shorepolicy@ceres.ca.gov) or by mail to the address below and must be postmarked no later than June 6, 2001.

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**RESOURCES AGENCY OF CALIFORNIA
PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Draft Policy on Coastal Erosion
Planning and Response for California**

Carpinteria

Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers
5775 Carpinteria Avenue

Newport Beach

Thursday, May 24 at 9:30 a.m.
Newport Beach Public Library
1000 Avocado Avenue

Encinitas

Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, Poinsettia Room
505 South Vulcan Avenue

Santa Monica

Tuesday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m.
Ken Edwards Center
1524 Fourth Street

Sausalito

Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m.
USACOE Bay Model Visitor Center
2100 Bridgeway Street

Santa Cruz

Thursday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m.
City Police Department Community Room
155 Center Street

Sacramento

Monday, June 4 at 1:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 437
Capitol Mall and 10th Street

Any questions regarding the public workshops should be directed to Clifton Moberg of the California Resources Agency at 916.653.5656 or Clifton@resources.ca.gov.

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Alameda County Library		2450 Stevenson Boulevard	Fremont, CA 94538-2326
Alameda Free Library	Reference Department	2200 A Central Avenue	Alameda, CA 94501
Berkeley Public Library		2090 Kittredge Street	Berkeley, CA 94704-1491
California Academy of	Academy Library	Golden Gate Park	San Francisco, CA 94118
California Coastal Commission	Library	45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000	San Francisco, CA 94105
California Institute of	Documents Library	Dept. 1-32	Pasadena, CA 91125
California Polytechnic State University, SLO	Robert E. Kennedy Library		San Luis Obispo, CA 93407
California State Archives		1020 O Street	Sacramento, CA 95814
California State Library	Government Publications	914 Capitol Mall	Sacramento, CA 95814-4802
California State University	Office of Governmental Affairs	915 L Street, Suite 1160	Sacramento, CA 95814
California State University,	Merriam Library		Chico, CA 95929--295
California State University,	University Library Docs. Dept.	25800 Carlos Bee Boulevard	Hayward, CA 94542
California State University, Long Beach	University Library	1250 Bellflower Boulevard	Long Beach, CA 90840-1901
California State University, Los Angeles	John F. Kennedy Memorial Library	5151 State University Drive	Los Angeles, CA 90032
Chula Vista Public Library		365 F Street	Chula Vista, CA 91910
College of the Redwoods	Learning Resources, Library	7351 Tompkins Hill Road	Eureka, CA 95501
Contra Costa County Library	Martinez Branch	740 Court Street	Martinez, CA 94553-1218
Contra Costa County Library		1750 Oak Park Boulevard	Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-4497
Coronado Public Library		640 Orange Avenue	Coronado, CA 92118-1526
Del Norte County Library		190 Price Mall	Crescent City, CA 95531-4395
Fresno County Free Library		2420 Mariposa Street	Fresno, CA 93721-2285
Hayward Public Library		835 C Street	Hayward, CA 94541-5120
Humboldt County Library	Garberville Branch	715 Cedar Street	Garberville, CA 95542-3201
Humboldt County Library	Trinidad Branch	Across from Fire Department	Trinidad, CA 95570-0856
Humboldt County Library		1313 Third Street	Eureka, CA 95501-0533
Humboldt State University	CA Government Documents	University Library	Arcata, CA 95521
Huntington Beach Library		7111 Talbert Avenue	Huntington Beach, CA 92648-1296
Inglewood Public Library		101 West Manchester	Inglewood, CA 90301-1771
Lompoc Public Library		501 East North Avenue	Lompoc, CA 93436-3498
Long Beach Public Library		101 Pacific Avenue	Long Beach, CA 90822-1097
Los Angeles County Public	Angelo Iacoboni Library	4990 Clark Avenue	Lakewood, CA 90712
Los Angeles County Public	Montebello Library	1550 West Beverly Boulevard	Montebello, CA 90640
Los Angeles County Public		7400 East Imperial Highway	Downey, CA 90241-7011
Los Angeles Public Library		630 West Fifth Street	Los Angeles, CA 90071-2002
Marin County Free Library	Acquisitions	3501 Civic Center Drive	San Rafael, CA 94903-4188
Marin County Free Library	Bolinas Branch	Wharf Road	Bolinas, CA 94924-0858
Marin County Free Library	Point Reyes Station	Fourth & A-W Marin Shops	Point Reyes, CA 94956-1330
Mendocino County Library	Fort Bragg Branch	499 Laurel Street	Fort Bragg, CA 95437-3511
Mendocino County Library		105 North Main Street	Ukiah, CA 95482-4482
Mills College	College Library	5000 MacArthur Boulevard	Oakland, CA 94613-1301
Monterey County Free Library	Big Sur Branch	Ripplewood Resort - Highway	Big Sur, CA 93920-0217
Monterey County Free Library		26 Central Avenue	Salinas, CA 93901-2628
Monterey Public Library		625 Pacific Street	Monterey, CA 93940-2866
Newport Beach Public Library		1000 Avocado Avenue	Newport Beach, CA 92660-7916
Oakland Public Library		125 Fourteenth Street	Oakland, CA 94612-4397
Oceanside Public Library		330 North Coast Highway	Oceanside, CA 92054-2595
Orange County Public Library	Crown Valley Branch	30341 Crown Valley Parkway	Laguna Niguel, CA 92677-2301
Orange County Public Library	San Clemente Branch	242 Avenida Del Mar	San Clemente, CA 92672-4005

Oxnard Public Library		251 South A Street	Oxnard, CA 93030-5750
Point Loma Nazarene College	Ryan Library	3900 Lomaland Drive	San Diego, CA 92106
Richmond Public Library		325 Civic Center Plaza	Richmond, CA 94804-9991
San Diego County Library	Encinitas Branch	540 Cornish Drive	Encinitas, CA 92024-4599
San Diego County Library	Imperial Beach Branch	810 Imperial Beach Boulevard	Imperial Beach, CA 91932-2798
San Diego Public Library		820 E Street	San Diego, CA 92101-6478
San Diego State University	Malcolm A. Love Library	5500 Campanile Drive	San Diego, CA 92182-8050
San Francisco Public Library	Government Information	100 Larkin Street	San Francisco, CA 94102-4796
San Francisco Public Library	Mission Branch	3359 - 24th Street	San Francisco, CA 94110-3826
San Francisco State University	J. Paul Leonard Library	1630 Holloway Avenue	San Francisco, CA 94132-4030
San Jose City College Library		2100 Moorpark Avenue	San Jose, CA 95128-2799
San Jose State University	Clark Library	One Washington Square	San Jose, CA 95192-0028
San Leandro Public Library		300 Estudillo Avenue	San Leandro, CA 94577
San Luis Obispo City-County	Morro Bay Branch	625 Harbor Street	Morro Bay, CA 93442-1905
San Luis Obispo City-County		P.O. Box 8107	San Luis Obispo, CA 93403
San Mateo County Library	Half Moon Bay Branch	620 Correias Street	Half Moon Bay, CA 94019-1998
San Mateo Public Library		55 West Third Avenue	San Mateo, CA 94402-1592
Santa Ana Public Library		26 Civic Center Plaza	Santa Ana, CA 92701
Santa Barbara City College	College Library	721 Cliff Drive	Santa Barbara, CA 93109
Santa Barbara Public Library	Carpinteria Branch	5141 Carpinteria Avenue	Carpinteria, CA 93013-2048
Santa Barbara Public Library		P.O. Box 1019	Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1019
Santa Cruz Public Library		224 Church Street	Santa Cruz, CA 95060-3873
Santa Maria Public Library		420 South Broadway	Santa Maria, CA 93454-5199
Santa Monica Public Library		1343 Sixth Street	Santa Monica, CA 90401
Solano County Library System	John F. Kennedy Library	505 Santa Clara Street	Vallejo, CA 94590-5922
Sonoma County Library		Third & E Streets	Santa Rosa, CA 95404-4400
Sonoma State University	University Library	1801 East Cotati Avenue	Rohnert Park, CA 94928
South San Francisco Public		840 West Orange Avenue	San Francisco, CA 94080-3124
Stanford University	McDermot Suite, Cecil H. Green Library		Stanford, CA 94305-6004
University of California,	General Library		Berkeley, CA 94720-6000
University of California, Davis	Bodega Marine Laboratory Cadet Hand Library	P.O. Box 247	Bodega Bay, CA 94923-0247
University of California, Davis	Shields Library		Davis, CA 95616-5224
University of California, Irvine	University Library	P.O. Box 19557	Irvine, CA 92623-9557
University of California, Los	Bruman Library	P.O. Box 951575	Los Angeles, CA 90095-1575
University of California, San	UCSD Libraries	9500 Gilman Drive #0175A	La Jolla, CA 92093-0175
University of California, Santa Barbara	University Library		Santa Barbara, CA 93106-9010
University of California, Santa	University Library	1156 High Street	Santa Cruz, CA 95064
University of Southern California	Doheny Memorial Library	University Park	Los Angeles, CA 90089-0182
Ventura County Library Services Agency	H.P. Wright Library	57 Day Road	Ventura, CA 93003
Ventura County Library Services Agency	Simi Valley Library	2969 Tapo Canyon Road	Simi Valley, CA 93063-2117
Ventura County, Cmnty. College District	Oxnard College Library	4000 South Rose Avenue	Oxnard, CA 93033
Watsonville Public Library		310 Union Street	Watsonville, CA 95076-4695